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**NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!**

**CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY CLAIMS WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP**

KENOSHA, Wis. - Cedarville University won the NAIA National Women's Cross Country Championship for the school's first national title in any sport. Elvin King, who is in his 33rd year as head coach for the Yellow Jackets, was voted NAIA National Coach of the Year.

The Lady Jackets totaled 147 points to outrun second-place Concordia NE, who had 169 points while Hastings NE was third with 173 points. There were 28 total teams and 238 competitors in all.

Erin Nehus (Gallipolis, OH; Gallia Academy) earned All-America honors for the third straight time by touring the 5,000 meters in 18:16 to place 3rd. Joining the junior on the All-America unit were Jennifer Tetrick (Redding, CA; Foothill H.S.), who was 12th in 18:36, and Heidi Wright (Farmington Hills, MI; Southfield Christian), who finished 29th in 18:53. The top 30 finishers are All-Americans.

Others running for the Jackets were Sarah Roberts (Vicksburg, MI; Vicksburg H.S.), 59th, 19:25; Kim McNeilance (Livonia, MI; Stevenson H.S.), 83rd, 19:46; Abigail Winburn (Tulsa, OK; Metro Christian Academy), 113th, 20:05; and Jen Roman (Penn Yan, NY; Marcus Whitman H.S.), 136th, 20:15. CU claimed the national title without a senior among the top seven runners.

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